

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent No. : 7,270,783 Confirmation No. 3750  
Inventor : TOSHIKAZU TAKASE  
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Title : ANALYSIS SYSTEM AND ANALYSIS METHOD  
Examiner : Jyoti Nagpaul  
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ATTENTION: Decision and Certificate of Correction Branch  
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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT  
FOR PTO MISTAKE (37 C.F.R. 1.322(a))

Sir:

In accordance with 35 U.S.C. §254, we attach hereto Form PTO/SB/44 and a copy of proof of PTO errors and request that a Certificate of Correction be issued in the above-identified patent. The following errors appear in the patent as printed:

Column 12, lines 57-58, Claim 9, delete [[above-described]]

(See the Amendment dated November 30, 2006, page 5, line 5 of Claim 12. See also the amendment made by the Examiner in Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowability mailed June 13, 2007, page 2, line 11. NOTE: The Examiner inadvertently referred to "above-described" as "aforementioned". The PTO did correctly delete this from Claim 21 (issued as Claim 15.) Claim 12 issued as Claim 9.)

Column 12, line 59, Claim 9, "peocessing" should read -- processing --

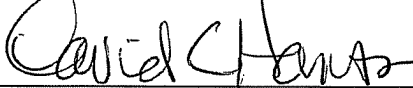
(See the Amendment dated November 30, 2006, page 5, and the hand-written Examiner's Amendment on line 6 of Claim 12. See also the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowability mailed June 13, 2007, page 2, line 12. (Claim 12 issued as Claim 9.)

Column 14, line 11, Claim 15, "aanalysis system throughput" should read  
-- analysis system throughout --

(See the Amendment dated November 30, 2006, page 7, and the hand-written Examiner's Amendment on line 4 of Claim 21. See also the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowability mailed June 13, 2007, page 2, line 16. Claim 21 issued as Claim 15.)

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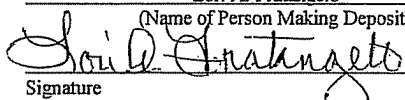
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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evaporating off a first solvent from each sample and drying and solidifying the sample;

dispensing a second solvent into each sample dried and solidified;

stirring each sample in which said second solvent has been dispensed;

aspirating the sample in which said second solvent has been dispensed and transferring the sample into a measuring portion;

recovering the investigated sample into said sample container after measurement; and

recovering said sample containers in which the samples have been recovered.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The analysis method of claim 9, further comprising the step of skipping desired ones of said steps.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The analysis method of claim 9, wherein said samples are solutions including said first solvent.

<sup>9</sup>  
Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An analysis system comprising:

a sample container supply means for supplying sample containers each holding a sample dissolved in protonated solvent therein;

5 a turntable for carrying sample containers and incrementally rotating to present the sample containers at various stations;

a solvent-removing means for evaporating off the protonated solvent in the supplied sample containers and drying and solidifying each sample comprising nozzles for removal of the solvent by injecting gas into the sample container, the depth of the insertion of the nozzles into the sample container being increased as the progress of removal;

10 a source of deuterated solvent;

a solvent-dispensing means for dispensing a deuterated solvent from said source into each dried and solidified sample;

a sample-stirring means for stirring each sample in which said deuterated solvent has been dispensed;

15 a sample aspirating-and-transferring means for aspirating each sample dissolved in said deuterated solvent and transferring the aspirated sample into a measuring portion;

a sample recovery means for recovering the sample into a sample container from said measuring portion after measurement;

a sample container recovery means for recovering the sample containers in which the investigated samples have been recovered; and

a control means for <sup>sequentially</sup> controlling all of the above-described various means

*operation of the analysis system throughout sample processing.*

Claim 13 (Original): The analysis system of claim 12, wherein said solvent-removing means comprises a sample container temperature-adjusting means for adjusting the temperature of the sample container to a desired temperature and a gas blowout means for blowing a regulated flow rate of gas against the sample, the gas being adjusted to a desired temperature.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The analysis system of claim 12, wherein said deuterated solvent contains plural kinds, and wherein said solvent-dispensing means is capable of selecting a desired one out of the plural kinds of said deuterated solvent and dispensing it.

Claim 15 (Original): The analysis system of claim 12, wherein the sample aspirated and transferred by said aspirating-and-transferring means is subjected to measurement and then the sample is pushed out of the measuring portion by a gas under pressure, whereby the sample is recovered into the sample container.

Claim 16 (Original): The analysis system of claim 12, wherein a rack for accommodating the sample containers recovered by said sample container recovery means is of microplate size.

Claim 17 (Original): The analysis system of claim 12, wherein said samples are solutions including said first solvent.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): An analysis method comprising the steps of:  
supplying sample containers each holding a sample therein;  
evaporating off a first solvent from the sample in each supplied sample container and drying and solidifying the sample;

dispensing a second solvent into each sample dried and solidified;  
stirring each sample in which said second solvent has been dispensed;  
aspirating each sample dissolved in said second solvent and transferring the sample into a measuring portion;  
recovering each sample into a sample container from said measuring portion after measurement; and  
recovering the sample containers in which the investigated samples have been recovered.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The analysis method of claim 18, further comprising the step of skipping desired ones of said steps.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The analysis method of claim 18, wherein said samples are solutions containing said first solvent.

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Claim ~~21~~ (Currently Amended): An analysis system comprising:

a sample container supply means for supplying sample containers each holding a sample dissolved in protonated solvent therein;

5 a turntable for carrying sample containers and incrementally rotating to present the sample containers at various stations;

a solvent-removing means for evaporating off a first solvent from each sample and drying and solidifying the sample comprising nozzles for removal of the solvent by injecting gas into the sample container, the depth of the insertion of the nozzles into the sample container being increased as the progress of removal;

10 a source of deuterated solvent;

a solvent-dispensing means for dispensing a deuterated solvent from said source into each sample container;

a sample-stirring means for stirring each sample in which said deuterated solvent has been dispensed;

15 a sample aspirating-and-transferring means for aspirating each sample dissolved in said deuterated solvent and transferring the sample into a measuring portion;

a sample recovery means for recovering the sample into a sample container from said measuring portion after measurement;

a sample container recovery means for recovering each sample container in which the investigated sample has been recovered; and

a control means for <sup>sequentially</sup>controlling all of the above-described various means.

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*Ex Amended* operation of the *analysis system throughout sample processing.*  
Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The analysis system of claim 21, wherein

said deuterated solvent contains plural kinds, and wherein said solvent-dispensing means is capable of selecting a desired one out of the plural kinds of said deuterated solvent and dispensing it.

*1b*  
Claim 23 (Original): The analysis system of claim 21, wherein the sample aspirated and transferred by said aspirating-and-transferring means is subjected to measurement and then pushed out of said measuring portion by a gas under pressure, whereby the sample is recovered into said sample container.

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Claim 24 (Original): The analysis system of claim 21, wherein the rack for holding the sample containers recovered by said sample container recovery means is of microplate size.

*1b*  
Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The analysis system of claim 21, wherein the samples are solutions dissolved in said deuterated solvent or are a solid.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): An analysis method comprising the steps of:  
supplying sample containers each holding a sample therein;  
dispensing a second solvent into each sample container;  
stirring the sample in which said second solvent has been dispensed;  
aspirating each sample containing said second solvent and transferring the sample into a measuring portion;  
recovering each sample into a sample container from said measuring portion after measurement; and  
recovering each sample container in which the investigated sample has been recovered.



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TITLE OF INVENTION: ANALYSIS SYSTEM AND ANALYSIS METHOD				

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Application No.

10/004,259

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to December 4, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 12-17 and 21-25.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
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\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

**Claims 1-8, 12-17 and 21-25 are allowed.**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

5 Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Hanson on February 26, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel Claims 9-11, 18-20 and 26-32.

Claim 1, Line 24 after "for", insert —sequentially—

10 Claim 1, Line 24 after "controlling", delete "all of"

Claim 1, Line 24 after "the", delete "aforementioned various means", insert —operation of the analysis system throughout sample processing—

Claim 12, Line 22 after "for", insert —sequentially—

Claim 12, Line 22 after "controlling", delete "all of"

15 Claim 12, Line 22 after "the", delete "aforementioned various means", insert —operation of the analysis system throughout sample processing—

Claim 21, Line 21 after "for", insert —sequentially—

Claim 21, Line 21 after "controlling", delete "all of"

20 Claim 21, Line 21 after "the", delete "aforementioned various means", insert —operation of the analysis system throughout sample processing—

*should have read  
"above-described various  
means"  
The Examiner  
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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 12, lines 57-58, Claim 9, delete [[above-described]]

Column 12, line 59, Claim 9, "peocessing" should read -- processing --

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